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Applicant(s): Cain

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Wilson

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RESPONSE PURSUANT 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 8, 2003, entry of the below response is respectfully requested in order to place this application in better form for appeal.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Rejection

Applicants note that there are several procedural requirements for rejections of claims that the Examiner has not met with the rejections that have so far been put forth in this application. For at least this reason, Applicants request withdrawal of the finality of this office action, and proper reconsideration of this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph